

REMARKS

Claim 34 has been amended. Claims 34-71 remain in the application. Species XII has been elected.

The invention illustrated in Figure 15 is an upper body inflatable device having inlet ports, and a plug receivable therein. The invention illustrated in Figure 16 is a lower body inflatable device having inlet ports, and a plug receivable therein.

Claim 34 is directed to a method for controlling airflow through an inflatable device with two or more inlet ports by a plug received in one of the ports; the claim is not limited to an upper body or a lower body device, only to one having "two or more inlet ports", which describes the devices shown in Figures 15 and 16. Claim 34 therefore reads on both Figure 15 and Figure 16.

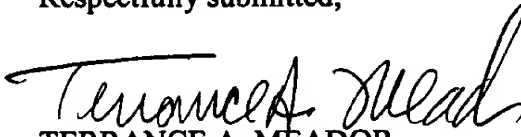
Claim 35 is directed to an apparatus for warming a person, the apparatus having an inflatable cover with two inlet ports and a plug removably received in at least one of those ports. The claim is limited to an inflatable device "for disposition on a portion of a person's body", which describes both an upper body device and a lower body device. Accordingly, Claim 35 reads on both Figure 15 and Figure 16. Claims 36-71 are dependant on Claim 35 and merely further characterize the plug. Accordingly, claims 36-71 also read on both Figure 15 and Figure 16.

All of the claims are therefore read on the elected species (Figure 15) and further read on species XIII illustrated in Figure 16.

A check for \$200 for the Petition to Extend time is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account Number 50-2258.

The applicants now await the first examination.

Respectfully submitted,


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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Claims:

34. (Twice Amended) A method for controlling airflow through an inflatable device having two or more inlet ports for admitting airflow into the device, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a plug [having a central body and a plurality of extensions which are coplanar with and extend from the central body];

[introducing an airflow into the device through a first inlet port; and]

[restricting egress of the airflow through a second inlet port by] placing the plug in [the] an [second] inlet port and retaining the plug in the [second] inlet port [by inserting at least two of the plurality of extensions into the second inlet port];

introducing an airflow into the device through another inlet port; and

the plug restricting egress of the airflow through the other inlet port.